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PROCESSING

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 66.8 million cwt. of 2000 crop raw potatoes to May 1, 1 percent more than a year ago. Idaho potatoes contributed 57.4 million cwt. of the total potatoes processed, the remaining 9.37 million cwt. were produced in other states. Processing of the 2000 crop potatoes totaled 170 million cwt. to May 1, up 1 percent from last year in comparable States. April processing of 18.7 million cwt. was 2 percent above last year for comparable States.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING,^{1/} NINE STATES, 1999 AND 2000

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>											
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore. All Potatoes	1999-00	11,620	20,310	27,970	34,490	40,790	49,220	57,820	66,080	74,110	88,210
	2000-01	12,730	22,080	29,290	35,720	43,470	50,580	58,910	66,760		
IDAHO Potatoes	1999-00	7,210	14,500	21,820	27,900	33,640	41,590	49,850	57,450	64,990	78,390
	2000-01	7,790	16,030	22,840	28,740	36,000	42,530	50,250	57,390		
Maine ^{2/}	1999-00			1,270	1,700	2,385	3,070	3,765	4,560	5,150	6,670
	2000-01			1,845	2,475	3,105	3,695	4,225	4,790		
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	1999-00	19,040	26,820	33,320	39,620	45,500	53,350	61,080	67,230	74,840	83,210
	2000-01	19,460	27,510	34,770	40,970	47,720	55,250	62,860	69,920		
Other States ^{3/}	1999-00			12,455	15,035	17,950	20,855	24,305	27,220	30,410	36,435
	2000-01			12,650	16,235	18,625	22,030	25,420	28,680		
TOTAL (9 STATES)	1999-00			75,015	90,845	106,625	126,495	146,970	165,090	184,510	214,525
	2000-01			78,555	95,400	112,920	131,555	151,415	170,150		

^{1/} Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the state in which the potatoes were produced. Does not include quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, or WI. ^{2/} Includes ME grown potatoes only. ^{3/} MN, ND, NV SD and WI in 2000. MI, MN, ND, and WI. in 1999.

STOCKS

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on May 1 totaled 45.0 million cwt., 9.0 million cwt. more than on hand May 1, 2000. Disappearance, at 107 million cwt., is up from last year's 97.3 million cwt. and above 1999's 101 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 3.70 million cwt., 1.30 million cwt. more than last year's 2.40 million cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 41.3 million cwt., was 7.70 million cwt. above the amount stored on May 1, 2000.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the May 1, 2001 Idaho Potato Stocks estimate is 11.7 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 45.0 million cwt. will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 11.7 percent or 5.27 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence interval) that the difference will not exceed 20.1 percent or approximately 9.05 million cwt.

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UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS RECORD HIGH, UP 28 PERCENT

May 1, 2001 potato stocks totaled a record high 111 million cwt., up 28 percent from last year and 8 percent above the previous record set May 1, 1997. Potatoes in storage accounted for 24 percent of the fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to May 1 was a record high 350 million cwt., up 5 percent from last year and 3 percent above the previous record set during the 1996 season.

The Three Eastern States stored 4.13 million cwt. of potatoes on May 1, 2001, down 11 percent from a year ago but 3 percent above two years ago. Maine's holdings were down 9 percent and Pennsylvania's storage was down 33 percent from last year.

The Six Central States accounted for 17.4 million cwt. of potato stocks this May 1, 24 percent above last year but 1 percent below 1999. Minnesota's stocks were up 81 percent and stocks in North Dakota were up 40 percent from last year. Wisconsin's stocks were down 16 percent and Michigan's potato stocks were 46 percent below a year ago.

The Six Western States held 90.0 million cwt. of potatoes in storage on May 1, 2001, up 32 percent from the last year and 36 percent above two years ago. Washington's potato stocks were up 79 percent from a year ago, while Idaho's were up 25 percent. Oregon's stocks were up 11 percent and Montana's swelled 150 percent. Colorado's stocks were equal to last year but California's were down 27 percent.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 1995-00 IDAHO & 15 FALL STATES

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CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1 2/
IDAHO	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>							
1995	132,657	96,000	85,000	73,500	62,500	49,500	36,000	
1996	142,800	102,000	92,000	82,000	70,000	56,000	41,000	
1997	140,314	102,000	91,500	81,000	69,500	56,000	41,500	
1998	138,000	99,500	89,000	77,500	66,000	52,000	37,000	23,000
1999	133,330	96,000	86,000	76,500	65,000	50,000	36,000	21,000
2000	152,320	110,500	100,000	86,500	75,000	59,500	45,000	
15 STATES 1/								
1995	394,785	256,710	223,550	189,360	156,020	115,855	75,870	
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,635	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000	461,827	309,520	272,960	235,050	198,320	154,030	111,425	

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states. 2/ Stocks not available prior to 1998.

PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON MAY 1, 2000 AND MAY 1, 2001 1/

STATE	CROP OF 1999			CROP OF 2000		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MAY 1, 2000	MAY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MAY 1, 2001	MAY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt.</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	4,005	1,100	27	3,741	800	21
Colorado	25,762	7,400	29	27,972	7,400	26
Idaho	133,330	36,000	27	152,320	45,000	30
Maine	17,813	4,400	25	17,920	4,000	22
Michigan	14,963	1,300	9	14,963	700	5
Minnesota	18,020	3,200	18	21,240	5,800	27
Montana	3,325	300	9	3,503	750	21
Nebraska 2/ 3/	8,904			10,127		
New York	6,758			5,964		
N. Dakota	26,400	4,500	17	26,950	6,300	23
Ohio 3/	987			1,134		
Oregon	28,020	9,000	32	30,683	10,000	33
Pennsylvania	3,080	150	5	3,510	100	3
Washington	95,200	14,500	15	108,000	26,000	24
Wisconsin	34,000	4,400	13	33,800	3,700	11
Other States		665			875	
15 STATES	420,567	86,915	21	461,827	111,425	24

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage in 2000 totaled 29.7 million cwt. 2/ Summer estimates included with Fall in 2000. 3/ Stocks from states left blank combined into "Other States".